

What is Claimed:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for implanting surgical device, said method comprising:
 - a. providing a surgical device comprising an elongated flexible inflatable portion, an elongated flexible and substantially inextensible band portion having a distal end, a proximal end and a longitudinal axis therebetween, said band portion being separate and attached to said inflatable portion along an inner face thereof, said band portion having a concave cross section, taken perpendicular to said longitudinal axis; ~~and~~
 - b. deforming said band so that it has a substantially ~~linear~~planar cross section, taken-perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, by encircling said band around body tissue while changing the cross-sectional shape of said inflatable portion.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of attaching said distal and proximal ends of said band together.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of attaching an injection port to said device so as to be in fluid communication with said inflatable portion.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of withdrawing fluid from said inflatable portion.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of adding fluid to said inflatable portion.
6. (Cancelled) A method for implanting surgical device, said method comprising:
 - a. ~~providing a surgical device comprising an elongated flexible band portion having a distal end, a proximal end and a longitudinal axis therebetween, said band portion having a concave cross section, taken perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, and a means for attaching said distal and proximal ends of said band together;~~
 - b. ~~deforming said band so that it has a substantially linear cross section, taken perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, by encircling said band around body tissue; and~~
 - c. ~~attaching said distal and proximal ends of said band together~~
7. (Cancelled) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of attaching an injection port to said device so as to be in fluid communication with said inflatable portion.
8. (Cancelled) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of withdrawing fluid from said inflatable portion.
9. (Cancelled) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of adding fluid to said inflatable portion.